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BRASILIA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

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SUBJECT: ILO, 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 103403

1. DURING A MAY 10 CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR BY
ARA ASST. SECRETARY TODMAN AND AMBASSADOR, ASST. SECRETARY
TODMAN URGED THE GOV TO SUPPORT THE U.S. POSITION WITH
RESPECT TO SEVERAL ISSUES AT THE 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR
CONFERENCE AND STATED THE U.S. BELIEVES VERY SERIOUSLY THAT
THIS ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE DEPOLITICIZED.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIES THAT ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL
BLANCHARD HAD JUST VISITED CARACAS AND MET WITH PRESIDENT
PEREZ. HE SAID THAT BLANCHARD HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER
THE POSSIBILITY OF THE U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO. HE
ADDED THAT, IN HIS OPINION, THE U.S. SHOULD BE CAREFUL ABOUT
ABANDONING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THERE IS A
DANGER, HE SAID, OF THE EMERGENCE OF NEW INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE THE THIRD WORLD IS VERY ACTIVE.
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ASST. SECRETARY TODMAN SAID THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT
RECOGNIZED THE IMPLICATIONS OF LEAVING THE ILO BUT THAT
IT WAS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE WITH THE U.S. TO AVOID
POLITICS IN THE ILO AND WORK TOWARD THE REAL OBJECTIVES
OF THAT ORGANIZATION. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT WOULD APPRECIATE VENEZUELAN SUPPORT TO DEFINITELY
PUT THE ISRAELI RESOLUTION TO REST AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 17.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED SAYING THAT THE GOV WAS ALSO WORRIED ABOUT THE POLITIZATION OF THE ILO AND THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT SUCH SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS BEHAVE WITH GOOD SENSE (SENSATEZ).

3. COMMENT: THIS APPROACH WAS MADE IN ADDITION TO THE DEMARCHES REQUESTED IN REFERENCE. FOREIGN MINISTER'S RECEPTIVENESS APPEARS TO AUGUR WELL FOR THIS INITIATIVE. VAKY

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